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- > Amendment Transmittal
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Docket No. PD-980189**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Ellen K. Wesel : Date: July 12, 2005
 Serial No. 09/159,817 : Group Art Unit: 2684
 Filed: September 23, 1998 :
 For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING A SATELLITE-BASED NETWORK : Examiner: Tilahun B. Geesesse
 WITH A PLURALITY OF SPOT BEAMS PROVIDING UBIQUITOUS :
 COVERAGE FROM TWO DIFFERENT SATELLITES :

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.
- ☐ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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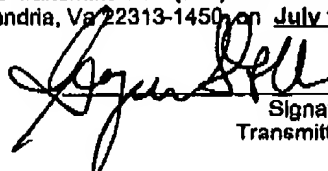
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